



Sotheby's

LONDON TO BRIGHTON

VETERAN CAR RUN 2025

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER



Driven by the Royal Automobile Club

PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK





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KEEP IN TOUCH!

If you have any questions regarding the Run or entry process please contact Izzy Ward, Veteran Car Run Administrator who will be happy to help.

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Welcome to your 2025 edition of the RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run Handbook. This year is the 128th Run, supported by a veteran car community whose camaraderie and expertise always impresses us at the Royal Automobile Club.

You put on a spectacle every year that delights tens of thousands of people. Our job is to provide the organisation and back-up so everyone has a memorable, enjoyable and most of all safe day. It's no easy task; the planning takes our in-house team many months of careful work.

This Handbook will answer every question you have about the Run and your own involvement. The event regulations are of the greatest importance to all of us, and sticking to them won't diminish your enjoyment of this special day one bit.

Keeping control of your car on the route's public roads is essential. I'm asking all drivers and passengers on the day to be cautious when necessary, and to take heed of instructions from our experienced marshals. But well before that, you must watch our safety film online at www.veterancarrun.com, no matter how many times you've done the Run before. It's to protect you, your passengers, your car and the general public.

My huge thanks go to our friends in the Veteran Car Club, without whom there'd be very little to see, as well as our wonderful volunteers, marshals, and RAC Motoring Services technicians who support everyone from capital to coast.

Veterans can never be the most reliable of cars, but by careful preparation you'll probably reach the seafront on time. If you don't then we'll make sure you have fun trying, and we'll be sharing useful information with you right up to the day itself. So sign up to our regular participant newsletter, follow us on social media, and bookmark the dedicated website.

I'm really looking forward to joining you all on our annual extravaganza once again.

With best wishes,

Ben Cussons
Chairman of the Steering Group

EVENT TIMETABLE



THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER 2025

9.30am - 2.00pm ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB'S MOTORING LECTURES

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2025

4.00pm - 8.00pm RM SOTHEBY'S AUCTION PREVIEW

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2025

9.00am - 9.30am DRIVERS' BRIEFING
9.00am - 9.30am VETERAN CAR INTERNATIONAL CONCOURS
10.00am - 3.00pm RM SOTHEBY'S AUCTION PREVIEW
12.00pm - 2.00pm CONCOURS LUNCH
3.00pm - 5.00pm RM SOTHEBY'S LONDON SALE
6.00pm - 7.30pm PARTICIPANTS' RECEPTION

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2025

6.58am - 8.43am RM SOTHEBY'S VETERAN CAR RUN OFFICIAL START
8.25am - 2.05pm CARS HALFWAY PIT STOP
10.00am - 4.29pm RM SOTHEBY'S VETERAN CAR RUN OFFICIAL FINISH
7.00pm - 11.00pm VETERAN CAR CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

Please note that the programme is subject to change.
For more information and the most up to date timetable please visit: www.veterancarrun.com/event-timetable



ENTRY PROCESS

HOW DO I ENTER?

Please visit: www.register.veterancarrun.com to submit your application for entry. If you need any assistance when applying please call 01372 229 270.

HOW MUCH ARE THE ENTRY FEES?

ENTRY FEES

EARLY BIRD FEE - Wednesday 30 April to Tuesday 15 July 2025
ADVANCE FEE - Wednesday 16 July to Tuesday 19 August 2025
STANDARD FEE - Wednesday 20 August to Wednesday 17 September 2025

	EARLY BIRD	ADVANCE	STANDARD
ALL four-wheeled cars and tri-cars manufactured up to 31 December 1899	£450.00	£560.00	£695.00
ALL four-wheeled cars and tri-cars manufactured from 1 January 1900	£525.00	£635.00	£765.00
ALL three-wheeled single-seat motor tricycles	£190.00	£300.00	£410.00
Cycle entry	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00
Motorcycle entry	£199.00	£199.00	£199.00

Please note
All prices are in GBP (£) and include VAT@20%.
Please refer to the official **entry regulations** for further information about what is included in the entry fee.
Entries not made on the Veteran Car Run website will incur a £10.00 administration fee.

Any entry that is submitted after the close of entries on Wednesday 17 September will be charged an additional admin fee of £100.

IS MY VEHICLE ELIGIBLE?

ELIGIBILITY

Your vehicle must be pre 1905 and have a valid dating certificate or passport. To start the process of organising the dating of your vehicle please contact the relevant organisation relating to your vehicle type:
Veteran car: Veteran Car Club dating certificate or veteran passport enquiries, contact: hq@vccofgb.co.uk
Veteran cycle: Veteran Cycle Club dating enquiries, contact Andrew Millward: andrewmillward41@yahoo.co.uk
Veteran motorcycle: Pioneer Register certificate enquiries, contact George Smith: t110george47@gmail.com

ACCOMMODATION

THE PENINSULA L O N D O N

Experience unparalleled luxury at **The Peninsula London**, our recommended hotel for international participants.

WHY THE PENINSULA LONDON?

- Prime location in central London.
- Home of the RM Sotheby's London Sale.
- Expert Car Care – entrust your car to the hotel's professional team, who will ensure its safe keeping throughout your stay
- Chilled bottle of Peninsula Champagne or Peninsula Sparkling Tea on arrival with Veteran Car Run amenities.
- Exceptional service and elegant accommodations.
- Fine dining options and relaxing spa facilities.
- Breakfast provided in the Brooklands restaurant on the morning of the Run from 5am – 7.00am – witness the iconic start of the Run from their terrace overlooking Wellington Arch.

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- Your luggage will be collected from The Peninsula London on the morning of the Run. Luggage tags will be provided for you by the Peninsula London team.

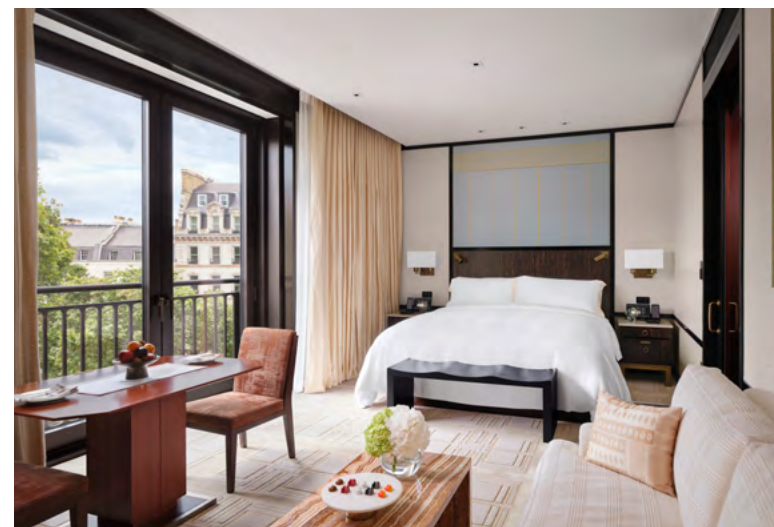
Special rates are available for event participants.

Benefits

- Daily breakfast
- Complimentary parking for the duration of your stay
- Unlimited wireless Internet access in your room
- Complimentary international telephone calls
- Complimentary local telephone calls

To book click below:

**The Peninsula London
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Their services include:

- Secure international shipping with enclosed transport options.
- Customs clearance and documentation assistance.
- Storage and delivery to your London accommodation or other secure location ahead of the Run.
- On-demand support throughout the event.

For booking and more information, please contact **CARS** directly at

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ADDITIONAL EXTRAS



Additional extras are items that can be purchased by participants during the **entry process**. These will be sent to you with your participant pack at the beginning of October.

Details of what is on offer is noted below:

TENDER VEHICLE PARKING

Madeira Drive - Thursday 30 October 2025 (12.00noon) - Monday 3 November 2025 (10.00am)

Telford Place Car Park - Sunday 2 November 2025 (7.30am-3.00pm)

For the purpose of the RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run, a tender vehicle is deemed as any vehicle supporting, delivering or collecting a participating veteran car, cycle or motorcycle.

We are pleased to provide parking facilities, staffed by security personnel, for your tender vehicles in Crawley and Brighton.

TENDER PACK 1 - £95.00

This pack is for a vehicle that has the capacity to transport one veteran vehicle.

TENDER PACK 2 - £180.00

This pack is for a vehicle that has the capacity to transport up to two veteran vehicles.

TENDER PACK 3 - £500.00

This pack is for a vehicle that has the capacity to transport three or more veteran vehicles.

For more information on tender vehicle packs please visit: www.veterancarrun.com/parking

Please note that we are unable to offer tender parking in London - for an extensive list of car parks located in London, Crawley and Brighton please visit: www.veterancarrun.com/parking

Furthermore, tender vehicles are not able to enter Hyde Park. Veteran cars must be dropped off outside the park and be driven into the park via Victoria Gate or Alexandra Gate.

ADDITIONAL EXTRAS *cont'd*



LUGGAGE TRANSFER SERVICE

Luggage service from London to Brighton on the day of the Run.

For **£5.00** (including VAT) per item of luggage. We will gladly collect your pre-booked luggage from the list of recommended hotels, or from the entrance of Serpentine Road (the Triangle) in Hyde Park before you park in your sector.

Your luggage will be transferred to the recommended Brighton hotels, or handed out to you from the Williams and Yates truck on Madeira Drive.

For further information please visit: www.veterancarrun.com/accommodation

EXTRA EVENT PROGRAMMES

Included within your entry fee is one event programme. This unique souvenir is a fitting memento of the Run and is a wonderful gift for friends and family. Should you wish to order additional programmes, they cost **£5.00** each.

EXTRA PARTICIPANT PASSES

Each participant of the Run is able to purchase two additional participant passes, to enable friends and family to join you on the Run. This pass will allow access into the paddocks at Hyde Park, Crawley and Brighton.

Please note, four-wheeled cars and tri-cars entered will have four participant passes included in your entry fee. If you have entered a veteran cycle or motorcycle you will receive one participant pass with your entry fee. Extra participant passes cost **£50.00** (including VAT) each.

CLUB MOTORING LECTURES

Thursday 29 October

The Annual Royal Automobile Club's Motoring Lectures will take place at the Pall Mall clubhouse during the Club's London Motor Week. The Motoring Lectures will combine an array of speakers on motoring topics.

PARTICIPANTS' RECEPTION

Saturday 1 November 6.00pm - 7.30pm

An annual reception held on the eve of the Run, exclusively for participants. Tickets are free and each entry is entitled to up to four tickets to the reception subject to availability.

ST JAMES'S MOTORING SPECTACLE



The St James's Motoring Spectacle, taking place on Saturday 1 November as part of London Motor Week, is a free event featuring a veteran car concours, local businesses, and educational programs. With plenty to see, it's a perfect family outing and a great way to kick off your London to Brighton weekend. For more information please visit www.veterancarrun.com/st-jamess-motoring-spectacle



*How many Runs have **YOU** taken part in?*



VCR LONGEVITY MEDALS



Calling all intrepid drivers who have reached the milestone of 10, 25 or 50 years taking part on the Run – we'd love to hear from you...

Please get in touch via vcr@royalautomobileclub.co.uk to let us know how many Runs you've taken part in and to see whether you're eligible for one of our exclusive Longevity Medals!*

*If you've got 10 or 25 Runs under your belt, your Longevity Medal can be purchased for just £26. If you've entered 50 or more, the Royal Automobile Club will present your gold 50-year Longevity Medal at this year's Participants' Reception, taking place on Saturday 2 November at the Club's Pall Mall clubhouse.



HISTORIC AWARDS 2025

The Royal Automobile Club's Historic Awards recognise excellence and outstanding contributions to the UK's historic motoring and motorsport industries.

The Awards will be presented on
Thursday 20 November 2025 at the Royal Automobile Club at Pall Mall,
culminating in the presentation of the Club's Lifetime Achievement Award.

To nominate or for more information about the evening go to
www.royalautomobileclubhistoricawards.co.uk

NOMINATE NOW

THE ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB CONCOURS



Thank you to all who joined us at our inaugural Club Concoours, we hope you had a enjoyable time!
We invite you to visit our website to view the list of winners and browse the photo gallery capturing highlights
from the event and hope you can join us next year!
www.royalautomobileclubconcoours.co.uk



PARTNERS



The RM Sotheby's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run is funded through a combination of entry fees and sponsorship income, with sponsorship covering over 50% of the running costs. Our sponsors listed below support the Run and supply their fantastic services which enable the Run to be a success and an enjoyable day for all participants.

